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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the document listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

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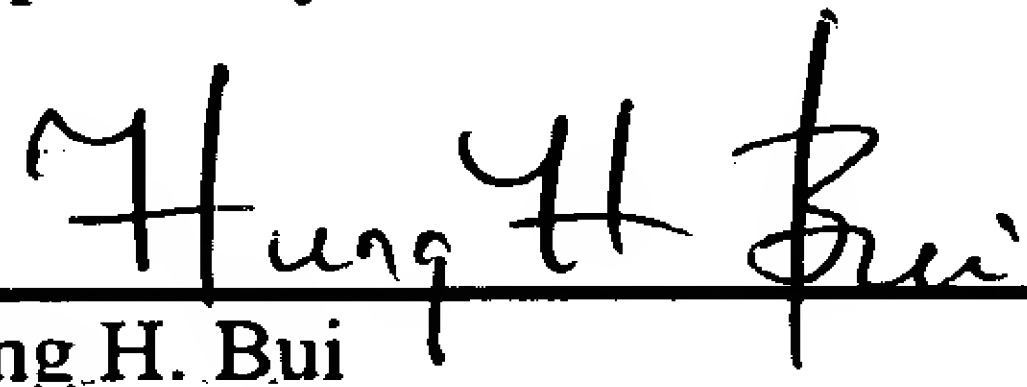
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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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